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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Junichi YAMADA  
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY HAVING A DEFECTIVE MEMORY CELL  
RELIEVING CIRCUIT  
Assignee: NEC CORPORATION  
Our Ref: Q79663

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/211,378 (Confirmation No. 1428) filed August 5., 2002 of Junichi YAMADA entitled SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY HAVING A DEFECTIVE MEMORY CELL RELIEVING CIRCUIT.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 24 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2818.

**Priority is claimed from:**

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| JAPAN          | 2001-236638           | August 3, 2001     |

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 10/211,378.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Total claims       | <u>25</u> - 20 | = <u>5</u> x | \$18.00 = | <u>\$90.00</u>  |
| Independent claims | <u>5</u> - 3   | = <u>2</u> x | \$86.00 = | <u>\$172.00</u> |
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A check for the statutory fee of \$1032.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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